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SUBJECT:MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN TO PELEGRIN
TORRAS ON REPATRIATION US CITIZENS

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM AMB. TODMAN TO
PELEGRIN TORRAS:

2. QUOTE DEAR MR. VICE MINISTER: ON FEBRUARY 28, A GROUP
OF 25 AMERICAN CITIZENS ACCOMPANIED BY CUBAN FAMILY MEMBERS
ARRIVED BACK IN THE UNITED STATES FROM CUBA. I WISH TO
EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE COOPERATION GIVEN BY YOUR
GOVERNMENT IN MAKING THIS RETURN POSSIBLE. SENATOR CHURCH,
I BELIEVE, HAS ALREADY PUBLICLY EXPRESSED HIS OWN APPRECI-
TION.

THE REPATRIATION OF CITIZENS, ACCOMPANIED BY CUBAN FAMILY
MEMBERS, HAS BEEN VERY WELL RECEIVED BY AMERICAN PUBLIC
OPINION. I AM, THEREFORE, HOPEFUL THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL
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SOON FIND A FAVORABLE SOLUTION FOR THE OTHER GROUP OF SOME
500 AMERICAN CITIZENS ABOUT WHOM CONGRESSMAN RICHMOND SPOKE
TO PRESIDENT CASTRO LAST DECEMBER. GIVING THEM THE
OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES IF THEY SO WISH
WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED HERE, ESPECIALLY BY THEIR FAMILIES

RESIDING IN THE UNITE STATES SINCERELY, TERENCE A.

TODMAN , ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS
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